

What is claimed is:

1. A method for decorating a substrate comprising the steps of;  
providing a kit including a laminate that is at least translucent comprising a cover  
5 sheet and a layer of adhesive adhered to one surface of the cover sheet; including a  
predetermined printed design; and including pieces of optical film that have peripheral  
shapes corresponding to at least parts of the printed design, each of which pieces of optical  
film have a layer of adhesive along one surface, and grooves or other structure along an  
opposite surface so that the pieces visually simulate decorative structures;

10 placing the pieces of optical film over portions of the design corresponding to their  
shapes with the structured surfaces of the pieces of film along a common plane;

adhering the structured surfaces of the pieces of film to the layer of adhesive on the  
laminate;

15 placing the pieces of optical film adhered to the layer of adhesive on the laminate  
at a desired location on the substrate;

pressing out air from between the substrate and the pieces of optical film adhered  
to the layer of adhesive on the laminate; and

20 removing the laminate to leave the pieces of optical film adhered to the substrate in  
at least the predetermined design.

2. A method according to claim 1 wherein the cover sheet and layer of adhesive on  
the cover sheet allow moisture vapor to pass between the surfaces of the laminate; the  
method further includes the step of using a solution to wet the pieces of optical film, the  
laminate and the substrate before said step of placing the pieces of optical film adhered to  
25 the layer of adhesive on the laminate at a desired location on the substrate, and the step of  
allowing the solution to dry before said removing step; and said pressing step includes also  
pressing out water from between the substrate and the pieces of optical film adhered to the  
layer of adhesive on the laminate.

30 3. A method according to claim 1 wherein the predetermined printed design is  
printed on the laminate, and said step of placing the pieces of optical film over portions of

the design corresponding to their shapes comprises the step of pressing the structured surfaces of the pieces of film against the layer of adhesive on the laminate.

4. A method according to claim 3 wherein the layers of adhesive on the laminate and on the pieces of optical film are layers of pressure-sensitive adhesive, release liners are provided over the layers of adhesive on the pieces of optical film, and the method further comprises the step of removing the release liners before said step of placing the pieces of optical film adhered to the layer of adhesive on the laminate at a desired location on the substrate.

5. A method according to claim 1 wherein the predetermined printed design is printed on a template provided in the kit, and said method includes the step of positioning the template along the side of the laminate opposite the layer of adhesive during said steps of placing the pieces of optical film over portions of the design corresponding to their shapes and adhering the structured surfaces of the pieces of film to the layer of adhesive on the laminate.

6. A method according to claim 1 wherein the predetermined printed design is printed on a layer of liner material that is at least translucent and has a release surface shaped or treated to provide easy release from the layers of adhesive on the pieces of optical film, said step of placing the pieces of optical film over portions of the design corresponding to their shapes comprises the step of pressing the layers of adhesive on the pieces of optical film against the release surface on the liner material, said step of adhering the structured surfaces of the pieces of film to the layer of adhesive on the laminate comprises the step of pressing the layer of adhesive on the laminate against the structured surfaces on the pieces of film adhered to the liner material, and said method further includes the subsequent step of peeling away the liner material before said step of placing the pieces of optical film adhered to the layer of adhesive on the laminate at a desired location on the substrate.

7. A method according to claim 1 wherein the predetermined printed design is printed on a template provided in the kit, a layer of at least translucent liner material

having a release surface shaped or treated to provide easy release from the layers of adhesive on the pieces of optical film is provided in the kit, said method includes the step of positioning the template along the side of the layer of liner material opposite its release surface, and said step of placing the pieces of optical film over portions of the design corresponding to their shapes comprises the step of pressing the layers of adhesive on the pieces of optical film against the release surface on the liner material, said step of adhering the structured surfaces of the pieces of film to the layer of adhesive on the laminate comprises the step of pressing the layer of adhesive on the laminate against the structured surfaces on the pieces of film adhered to the liner material, and said method further includes the subsequent step of peeling away the liner material before said step of placing the pieces of optical film adhered to the layer of adhesive on the laminate at a desired location on the substrate.

8. A method according to claim 1 wherein at least one of the pieces of optical film has a peripheral shape that corresponds to only a part of the printed design, and said method further includes the step of cutting said at least one of the pieces of optical film.

9. A method for decorating a substrate comprising the steps of;  
providing a kit including a laminate that is at least translucent comprising a cover sheet and a layer of pressure-sensitive adhesive adhered to one surface of the cover sheet with the cover sheet and layer of adhesive being vented; including pieces of optical film, each of which pieces of optical film each having a layer of pressure-sensitive adhesive along one surface, and grooves or other structure along an opposite surface so that the pieces visually simulate decorative glass or glass related structures; and including a layer of liner material having a release surface shaped or treated to provide easy release from the layers of adhesive on the pieces of optical film;

pressing the layers of adhesive on the pieces of optical film against the release surface on the liner material to provide a decorative pattern;

pressing the layer of pressure-sensitive adhesive on the laminate against the structured surfaces on the pieces of film adhered to the liner material;

peeling away the liner material;

using a solution to wet the pieces of optical film, the laminate and the substrate;

placing the pieces of optical film adhered to the layer of adhesive on the laminate at a desired location on the substrate;

pressing out air and water from between the substrate and the pieces of optical film adhered to the layer of adhesive on the laminate;

5 allowing the solution to dry; and

removing the laminate to leave the pieces of optical film adhered to the substrate in the decorative pattern.

10 10. A method according to claim 9 wherein a predetermined design is printed on the layer of liner material, and said step of pressing the layers of adhesive on the pieces of optical film against the release surface on the liner material to provide a decorative pattern comprises placing the pieces of optical film over portions of the design corresponding to the shapes of the pieces of optical film.

15 11. A method according to claim 9 wherein a predetermined design is printed on a template provided in the kit, and said step of pressing the layers of adhesive on the pieces of optical film against the release surface on the liner material to provide a decorative pattern includes the steps of positioning the template along the side of the layer of liner material opposite its release surface, and placing the pieces of optical film over portions of  
20 the design corresponding to the shapes of the pieces of optical film.

12. A kit for decorating a substrate, said kit comprising;  
a laminate that is at least translucent comprising a cover sheet and a layer of adhesive adhered to one surface of the cover sheet;

25 a predetermined printed design;

pieces of optical film that have peripheral shapes corresponding to at least parts of the printed design, each of which pieces of optical film have a layer of adhesive along one surface, and grooves along an opposite surface so that the pieces visually simulate decorative structures;

30 said kit affording placing the pieces of optical film over portions of the design corresponding to their shapes with the structured surfaces of the pieces of film generally along a common plane; adhering the structured surfaces of the pieces of film to the layer

of adhesive on the laminate; placing the pieces of optical film adhered to the layer of adhesive on the laminate at a desired location on the substrate; pressing out air from between the pieces of optical film adhered to the layer of adhesive on the laminate and the substrate; and removing the laminate to leave the pieces of optical film adhered to the substrate in the predetermined design.

13. A kit according to claim 12 wherein the predetermined printed design is printed on the laminate so that the pieces of optical film can be placed over portions of the design corresponding to their shapes by pressing the structured surfaces of the pieces of film against the layer of adhesive on the laminate.

14. A kit according to claim 12 wherein the layers of adhesive on the laminate and on the pieces of optical film are layers of pressure-sensitive adhesive, and the kit further includes release liners over the layers of adhesive on the pieces of optical film, which release liners must be removed before placing the pieces of optical film adhered to the layer of adhesive on the laminate at a desired location on the substrate.

15. A kit according to claim 12 further including a template on which the predetermined printed design is printed, which template is positioned along the side of the laminate opposite the layer of adhesive when placing the pieces of optical film over portions of the design corresponding to their shapes and pressing the structured surfaces of the pieces of film against the layer of adhesive on the laminate.

16. A kit according to claim 12 wherein the predetermined printed design is printed on a layer of liner material having a release surface shaped or treated to provide easy release from the layers of adhesive on the pieces of optical film so that placing the pieces of optical film over portions of the design corresponding to their shapes involves pressing the layers of adhesive on the pieces of optical film against the release surface on the liner material, and adhering the structured surfaces of the pieces of film to the layer of adhesive on the laminate involves pressing the layer of adhesive on the laminate against the structured surfaces on the pieces of film adhered to the liner material, after which the

liner material is peeled away before placing the pieces of optical film adhered to the layer of removable adhesive on the laminate at a desired location on the substrate.

17. A kit according to claim 12 further including a layer of liner material that is at least translucent having a release surface shaped or treated to provide easy release from the layers of adhesive on the pieces of optical film, and a template with the predetermined printed design being printed on the template, the template being positioned along the side of the layer of liner material opposite said release surface, the pieces of optical film being positioned over portions of the design corresponding to their shapes by pressing the layers of adhesive on the pieces of optical film against the release surface on the liner material, the structured surfaces of the pieces of film then being adhered to the layer of adhesive on the laminate by pressing the layer of adhesive on the laminate against the structured surfaces on the pieces of film adhered to the liner material, after which the liner material is peeled away before placing the pieces of optical film adhered to the layer of adhesive on the laminate at a desired location on the substrate.

18. A kit for decorating a substrate, said kit comprising;  
a laminate that is at least translucent comprising a cover sheet and a layer of pressure-sensitive adhesive adhered to one surface of the cover sheet with the cover sheet and layer of adhesive being vented; pieces of optical film, each of which pieces of optical film have a layer of pressure-sensitive adhesive along one surface, and grooves or other structure along an opposite surface so that the pieces visually simulate decorative glass or glass related structures; and a layer of liner material having a release surface shaped or treated to provide easy release from the layers of adhesive on the pieces of optical film; said kit affording pressing the layers of adhesive on the pieces of optical film against the release surface on the liner material to provide a decorative pattern; pressing the layer of adhesive on the laminate against the structured surfaces on the pieces of film adhered to the liner material; peeling away the liner material; placing the pieces of optical film adhered to the layer of adhesive on the laminate at a desired location on the substrate; pressing out air from between the substrate and the pieces of optical film adhered to the layer of adhesive on the laminate; and removing the laminate to leave the pieces of optical film adhered to the substrate in the decorative pattern.

19. A kit according to claim 18 wherein a predetermined design is printed on the layer of liner material to afford placing the pieces of optical film over portions of the design corresponding to the shapes of the pieces of optical film.

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20. A kit according to claim 18 further including a template and a predetermined design printed on the template to afford positioning the template along the side of the layer of liner material opposite its release surface, and placing the pieces of optical film over portions of the design corresponding to the shapes of the pieces of optical film.

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